

I am appalled at the FCC's decision to allow Sinclair Broadcasting's to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a prime example of the consequences of media consolidation. I wonder how much Michael Powell is receiving from his friends to rule in that way.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The proposal to slander John Kerry within the last three weeks of the campaign is a clear insult to democracy. The current administration - both in the White House and at the FCC - has treated the average citizen with contempt for the last 4 years. They must really think we are idiots not to see this as an effort to influence the outcome of the election. I can only wonder what the calls would be like if someone was forcing Fahrenheit 911 on public airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.